

**Minute of Meeting
of
Twechar School Parent Council
Held on
Tuesday 23rd November 2021 at 6.00pm**

Present

Parent Council: TD, EB, JS, MB, S-AB, LB, SF, EP, LS

In Attendance: Mr M Glancy (Headteacher), Mrs L Munn (Clerk), Cllr S MacDonald, Cllr J Jamieson

Apologies: None received.

1. Welcome

TD welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Minute of previous meeting

Proposed: J S. Seconded: TD.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Election of New Chair

Following the resignation of the previous incumbent, a new Chair is required. No nominations were received by the Clerk. MG received one nomination from JS. No-one else wished to take up the post and the motion was put forward and passed.

Proposed by S-AB

Seconded by TD

5. H.T. report

Report attached. S-AB queried the two part-time teaching vacancies advertised and MG advised that both positions required to be filled along with 1 FTE SLA.

6. Go Fund Me

This is an online fund-raising facility and Coda Estate Agents have offered to promote this to help us. MG checked with EDC regarding the legalities here and to ascertain if other PCs were using this method of fundraising. The money is being sought mainly to help with playground improvements. Members discussed and agreed that a sub-group will be set up to take this forward. It was mentioned that specific projects can be restrictive and there might be a possibility of struggling to spend raised funds on just one project. JS stated that a non-specific target could be set and any funds raised could also be used at the school's discretion. Sub-group volunteers were S-AB, SF and EP.

7. Treasurer's Update

There is currently a balance of £1,944.61 in the bank with £751 ring-fenced for playground improvements.

8. Playground Committee

MG met with the school playground committee who have made a wish list of items they'd like to have available in the playground e.g. hula hoops, basketballs, skipping ropes etc. These items are in the school but are used for PE classes. PC agreed to donate money (£200) to the school in order that each class can have their own box of items

Cllr MacDonald mentioned that other schools within the cluster had a large container for storing bigger toys such as go-karts and scooters. MG stated that he had liaised with the Council in March of this year with regards to being provided with a container but had not made much progression. He will continue to push for this and Cllr MacDonald suggested a further discussion and that he may be able to help with this. PC members were delighted with the offer of help. MB suggested that playground monitors could be appointed to look after the new items.

9. Christmas Hampers and Fayre

Donations are starting to come in for the class-themed hampers. HLEC have offered the PC a hot dog and hot chocolate stall at their Christmas Fayre and hamper raffle numbers/tickets can also be sold. TD stated that volunteers will be manning the stall. LS mentioned that Reindeer Dust is popular with the children and she will organise this.

10. School Christmas plans

The class parties will be as follows:- Thursday 16th December – P3/4 and P5
Friday 17th December – P6 and P7
Monday 20th December – P1 and P2

Mugdock Park are putting on an online panto - £100
All children will receive a selection box as a gift.
Refreshments will be provided at the parties.
PC agreed to donate £250 to pay for this.

LB was asked if she could arrange for a local Santa to visit the school.
Children will be singing at the Pensioners Christmas lunch.
P1/2 will be doing a Nativity play.

11. Parental Questions to the Parent Council

A parent questioned about the Hallowe'en / Pudsey dressing-up matter. MG stated he is aware of some parental feelings regarding this but is also concerned about financial implications for families having to buy costumes. He is aware of families who are facing difficulty. For Children in Need Day, the Pupil Council tried to suggest items which families would already have, such as pyjamas. It was proposed that a school calendar could be issued highlighting any forthcoming dress-down/fundraising days. All agreed this was a good idea.

12. Review of Actions

Go Fund Me sub-group – S-AB, EP and SF.
Playground equipment – Cllr MacDonald will pursue MG's request for a large storage container.
HLEC Christmas Fayre – TD and volunteers to man the stall and LS to organise Reindeer Dust to sell.
LB to query Santa availability.
School to organise Christmas singing at OAP lunch.

8. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 22nd January 2022 at 6.00pm.